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Note verbale dated 30 April 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and wishes to refer to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 16 April 1998 concerning Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998 concerning the embargo on arms and related matériel, and gives the following response to that note.

1. As a member of the European Union, Finland endorsed, on 19 March 1998, the common position on the arms embargo. The common position has been implemented in Finland through a change in Guideline 2.1.3. of the General Guidelines for Export and Transit of Defence Matériel adopted by the Council of State, which provide the rules to be followed when granting an export licence to transshipment of defence matériel.

2. In addition, as a member of the European Union, Finland is bound by the European Union regulation adopted on 27 April 1998 on the reduction of certain economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This regulation prohibits the supply or sale of equipment to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which might be used for internal repression or terrorism. The text of the regulation will be available in the Official Journal of the European Union shortly.

3. Sanctions to be imposed where the provisions of the European Union regulation concerning the reduction of certain economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are infringed are provided in chapter 46, sections 1 to 3, of the Penal Code of Finland. Forfeitures are provided in chapter 46, sections 8 to 13, of the Penal Code.

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